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## ENGLAND.

*Report on transshipment of rags from India, Egypt, and the Continent.*LIVERPOOL, *March 12, 1897.*

SIR: I have your letter of the 27th ultimo (F. I.) asking to be furnished with such information as I possess concerning the transshipment of rags either from India, Egypt, or the Continent to the United States.

There have been at times small shipments of two or three hundred bale lots passed through this port having been disinfected at Alexandria, Paris, and Marseilles, but recently there have been no rags, to my knowledge, other than those disinfected in this country, shipped at this port for the United States, and I have made inquiry, since the receipt of your letter, and can not learn that any have gone forward.

Before issuing a bill of health to any vessel a complete copy of the manifest is submitted to this office, and in all cases where articles that (if coming from an infected or suspected port) would under the Quarantine Laws and Regulations be liable to disinfection, evidence is required as to their origin; therefore, before making inquiries I was confident that there had been no such transshipments as you refer to at this port.

Not only are precautions taken by this office to prevent the shipment of possibly infected rags from the countries of India and Egypt, but the same precautions are taken in regard to all articles of merchandise.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES E. NEAL,  
*United States Consul.*

## INDIA.

*Plague in Bombay—Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ended February 16, 1897.*BOMBAY, *February 19, 1897.*

SIR: The total number of deaths has decreased from 1,911 last week to 1,728 for the week under report, but as the exodus still continues, this difference is believed to be accounted for by a corresponding decrease of the population still remaining in Bombay, which is confirmed by the low birth rate. The infected area appears to be extending to the east and north. During the week, under the provisions of the "Dangerous epidemic diseases act of 1897," most stringent measures have been put in force by the Government of India to prevent persons from carrying the infection into districts still reported clear. All persons proceeding from infected districts by land or sea are carefully inspected by Government medical officers; if showing any unfavorable symptoms, they are at once removed from the trains and segregated. In Bombay a constantly increasing number of Europeans are being attacked, but a very small percentage of the cases is fatal.

Population according to census of 1891.....	821, 764
Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated at one-half the above.....	410, 882
Total number of deaths reported for the week.....	1, 728
Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year.....	590
Mean of the corresponding weeks previous five years.....	569
Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of the previous five years would be.....	285
Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague.....	1, 443